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New Expansion College Keynote

Faculty Adds 5 To Roster

New and old faces were present as five faculty members joined the Wartburg faculty this fall.

Returning from a year of graduate work at the State University of Iowa is Axel Rundgaard, who has been named athletic director and head of the Physical Education Department. He has served at Wartburg from 1947 to 1955.

Two Wartburg alumni also join teaching ranks of the college. Gordon J. Sahr, a 1951 grad, will serve as instructor in Greek and Christianity. He is a graduate of Wartburg Seminary and has spent the past two years in graduate work at Göttingen, Germany.

Kramer Heads Business

Melvin L. Kramer, who graduated from Wartburg in 1952, has been named head of the Business Administration Department with the rank of instructor.

He received his M.A. from the State University of Iowa in 1955 and has been doing additional graduate work besides holding a part-time assistantship at SU.

Science Adds Carr

Dr. Lloyd G. Carr has been named assistant professor of biology and chemistry, coming to Wartburg from the University of Arkansas. He holds his B.A. from the University of Virginia and has done graduate work at Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania.

Carr holds his Ph.D. from the University of Paris, the Sorbonne, Faculty of Science, with high honors. He is the author of more than 30 publications in the biological field.

James Erickson has been named assistant professor of English. He holds his bachelor of arts and master of fine arts degrees from the State University of Iowa. His master's thesis was a novel, "Death of a Man." He will teach English and serve as advisor of Castle Tales.

KWAR-FM Holds Broadcast Clinic

KWAR-FM, campus radio station, will hold its annual pre-broadcasting seminar and tryouts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, Sept. 12, 13 and 14, at 4 in the Little Theater. It was announced today by Junior Bruce French, station manager.

All new students interested in participating in radio activities and all returning personnel are urged to attend the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, where all phases from engineering to announcing will be discussed.

Tryouts will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, for the first semester programming.



DR. BECKER faces some three hundred freshmen as new students from 24 states break previous record enrollments.

Campus VIP's In Seminar

Wheels turned as schools met this morning. Organizational presidents met this morning to discuss their roles in the Wartburg community.

Addressing the student leaders were Dr. A. W. Swenson, head of the Chemistry Department, and Miss Erna Muehl, English Department Helen Scherwin, senior, led a group discussion on the responsibilities of group leadership.

Brief talks by TRUMPET and KWAR representatives were also heard. In charge of the seminar was Student Body vice president Ed Schneider, senior.

No Student Senate meeting has been scheduled for next week, according to SEP Don Altmann, senior. Plans for Thursday's Student Body meeting have not yet been formulated.

THOUGH NOT IN EIRE

Wearing Of Green Popular

By Shirley Sekas
Although Wartburg is known as a Protestant stronghold, the campus took on more of a Notre Dame atmosphere as the "Wearing of the Green" became the No. 1 song on Wartburg's Hit Parade.

With over 300 green beanies perched on an equal number of virgins' heads and colored heads, the traditional fall initiation began on the Wartburg campus.

With sophos patrolling the area, freshmen soon developed a knack for buttoning as well as for singing the lusty song, lustily, if not harmoniously. The croaking of a few backs was barely audible above the strains of "poor miserable freshman" as fresh bowed low.

Right angles were the order of the day for sidewalk perversities as diagonal sidewalks turned more than a few problems for hurrying frosh. However, Terrence Graves, frosh from Melvin, managed to cut down his misgiving with the cooperation of one upclass girl. Some initiates showed ex-

treme patriotism by being attired in green clothing or combinations of orange and black to match their frosh.

Keo Muller, Agns, Kan., thought the freshmen rules clever.

"I think they're a lot of fun, and it helps us feel much closer to the upperclassmen," was her remark.

Agreeing sophomores nodded approvingly. A few of the freshman boys ventured that being initiated so soon didn't enable them to become acquainted with the school. However, they felt that the other purposes of initiation were being fulfilled.

New collegians found college to be work in the literal sense of the word as freshman work and play day got under way this morning. Others got work out earlier in the week as they toted supper trays and did other cafeteria errands for demanding upperclassmen.

Men like Charles Horner, Homer, S. D., didn't mind too much though, as he said he didn't think initiation was too bad. He hurriedly added that

ALC Meeting To Ponder Rate Of College Expansion

By Harold Kurtz
Managing Editor

What will the American Lutheran Church do at its convention in October? That's the question facing future development of Wartburg College.

According to Dr. C. H. Becker, college president, the ALC will act on various proposals regarding the future of Wartburg at the biennial convention, to be held at Blue Island, Ill., Oct. 4-11.

The Board of Higher Education of the ALC, and the Board of Trustees have recommended to the Program and Policies Committee an expansion plan for all church schools. This plan has been approved by the committee and will be voted upon at the Blue Island convention.

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Wartburg Coed Dies

Frances Dunbar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunbar, Keosauqua, passed away in St. Luke's hospital, Cedar Rapids, during the middle part of August.

Enrolled as a freshman last year, she had planned to return to the Wartburg campus this fall.

Printers' Inkling?

TRUMPET presses ground to a halt late this afternoon and the clickety-clatter of Pub House typewriters subsided long enough for Editor Cy Waincoat's call to campus journalists to be heard.

Everyone interested in any phase of publishing the weekly newspaper is invited to join the TRUMPET's veteran reporters, ad men and circulation workers at the initial staff meeting Monday evening at 6:45 in Room 207 of Luther Hall.



HEELS CLICK and backs crack as two newly bearded frosh learn the rudiments of the ancient art of buttoning shortly after initiation.

he hasn't had too much to do yet.

Lois Bremer swarmed up the prevailing frosh opinion as she commented, "it isn't as bad as I thought it would be."

If this plan is approved by the church, Wartburg will be given permission to proceed with construction of a men's dormitory, to cost \$400,000. According to the proposal before the church 50 per cent of the cost would be on an amortized basis, which would be paid back out of room rental.

If this proposal is given the green light, Wartburg will also proceed with the construction of a \$250,000 library building. Preliminary sketches of this structure have been made by the architectural firm of Woodburn and O'Neil, campus architects of Des Moines.

Also, this program includes the go-ahead for building a \$200,000 chapel-auditorium in the center of Luther Hall.

Fifty per cent of the cost for a new men's dorm would be borrowed while the remainder of the funds would be obtained from the church and from Wartburg's development program through gifts from individuals and others.

Construction of an additional new wing of Centennial Hall, newer women's dormitory, began last June as first installments of \$317,000 were signed by college and church officials. This is the seventh major building improvement since 1948.

Wings To House 128 At present, a drive is being started in the Waverly area to raise funds for college expansion. Heading the effort is Harry Hagemann, Waverly attorney.

Final plans are being delayed until November for the drive in order to avoid conflict with the Waverly Community Chest campaign.

Gifts Boost Buildings

Two cash gifts were received by Wartburg during the summer, one for the Centennial Hall wing and the other for the Fine Arts Center. A donation of \$16,000 was given to the college by Albert Gliboff, Meriden, Minn. This gift made possible the addition of one more unit, which will house 16 women and will be known as the Gliboff Unit.

A gift of \$5,000 for the new Fine Arts Center was given by Mrs. Lyle M. Gundt, also of Meriden, Minn.



It probably happens to a lot of you. Every year you threaten to go to your state university the next semester. You complain about the unavailability and scanty regression at the small college on the hill. You think about those dances and activities and library facilities and letters at the U.

And then you get that letter from the school saying that walking shorts have been banned. Another jab against progress.

But come September and you're back again shaking hands with all the warm friends that you missed during the tedious summer. And you realize that Wartburg College is still a right good place to get an education. Welcome back.

But then I can't say welcome back to over one-third of our Student Body because they're freshmen. Hmm, that's interesting — over 300 freshmen and only about 225 sophomores. This should be an interesting initiation.

There's only one other shade of green that is more disgusting than the color of Freddie Beames, and that's the color of this fish pond. I'm not trying to scare you lowerclassmen, but keep that last question in mind.

In the department of totally useless and irrelevant statistics, we have this figure: Roy's Place, famed Wartburg habit, sells, daily, an average total of 600 eggs. Further investigation would probably show that this is some kind of a record.

And when the freshmen girls hear about their dormitory hours, they might reflect upon this bit slipped from the American College Press feature service.

The difference between a housemother and a game warden is that the game warden protects wildlife and the housemother protects it.

Another Wartburg tradition is dead. At least once every two years someone used to sneak up to the top floor of Old Main and try to change the chimes record to a jazz record. But now all the equipment has been moved to the KWAR studios.

And perhaps some day our student body will progress to the point where they don't have to be told how to dress for dinner.

FOOTNOTES TO FAITH

God Takes No Vacation Though We Dessert Him

Ed. Note: "Footnotes to Faith" is the THE WARTBURG TRUMPET's weekly devotional column. Contributors like Hansmann are in charge of this feature. Colleague will be written by other persons religious leaders.

By Robert Hansmann

Summer is over unofficially as far as students and faculty are concerned. How we have spent the "vacation" probably varies as much as the difference in persons—whether earning money for school, going to summer sessions or leisurely enjoying the time.

Whatever it may have been, did it influence you to take a "vacation" from Christianity? For example, there was once

a certain woman on a trip. Since her husband was not along with her on the train, she used her freedom by removing her wedding ring and pretending to another maid that she was unmarried. That was a drastic "vacation" from morality. Perhaps we might dismiss this nonchalance as being below us, but might it not happen?

Late by another example. Perhaps one goes out to the near-wilderness of Idaho or some northwestern state for the summer's work in the forests. A certain Wartburg fellow does every year. There are many men in such camps from different colleges and universities and many are often an Christian in attitude.

To these the Christian is to be as a light shining in a dark place for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. But it is so easy to "let out" by yielding to sordid jokes and foul talk.

Even worse, the absence of

church facilities tends to pull us to sleep both physically and spiritually on a Sunday morning. At one camp two fellows finally decided to conduct a shoe service. For some it was profitable and blessed, but for others it seemed fruitless because the ones who complimented the sermonettes often went out and sneezed at the no further thought for Christian living. "Typical and too bad," you say?

Isn't this attitude often our very own? But then the occasional desire to skip church services because of having attended several Sundays in succession? With an imagined picture of the total seclusion with God and a lady "God will forgive me. He understands" one leads for the pleasures of life, including oversteering. Why?

Maybe it is because one never finds new freedom in being away from Mom and Dad and decides it is naive to be so habitually Christian. In other words, he feels he has an affair to take a "vacation." Really can one afford it?

At night perhaps we have to study longer for a test and decide to forget the meditation period in order to get that extra bit of needed sleep. The next night some other excuse presents itself, and soon one finds that the "vacation" has become commonplace rather than an exception.

And now it is Wartburg. You, the freshmen, have been made welcome and invited to become associate members of St. Paul's Chapel and convos furnish further spiritual influence. Nevertheless, how and what each contributes from his faith affects the total of spiritual aliveness of the campus.

Are you, therefore, alive in faith or "away on vacation"?

Pops Concert - Fun And Free

Little Theater Blossoms Costumes

By Jim Roverer

Anyone in need of a pair of wooden shoes, an elephant head or a Santa Claus suit need look no farther than the Little Theater, according to Charles Dickson, Speech Department head.

It seems that the Singer Costume Co. of Clinton decided to go out of business after 60 years of costume rental service, which included renting costumes to Wartburg College when it was located in Clinton and Davenport, and Cy Wauquett, sewing, was on hand to fill up a broken truck and bring everything back to Waverly.

"A tremendous contribution to our plays to make our productions better than ever," was Dickson's comment on the purchase. "During last year's production of 'Hedda Gabler' it was practically impossible to acquire some old high collars. Now we have a whole box of them."

Wartburg Players will spend a Saturday in the next future sorting out all the props and costumes, and will eliminate the day with a magnificent party.

Dickson also stated, "If anyone has a suggestion as to where we can put a 12-foot pair of legs and Chinese hats (among other things) kindly let us know."

After the purchase of all these items, including not one but three Santa Claus suits, the organization is probably nickelless.

What In The World

Ed. Note: "What In The World" is the THE WARTBURG TRUMPET's weekly feature for the student body. The feature is written by Charles Dickson, president of the World Affairs Bureau.

By Don Oberdorfer

Assuming that not too many of our readers have kept up on current affairs around our globe I will attempt to delve into the somewhat dubious state of affairs concerning the Suez Canal.

Reg'd, having planned in a large extent to receive money from the United States for the Assuan High Dam, was angered to find this

pecuniary backing withdrawn. Nassar, Egypt's answer to India's Gandhi, decided to nationalize the Suez Canal.

Oberdorfer proved to be a formidable blow to the West, as much of its commercial and foreign trade passes through this vital area.

The canal company, now British, was seized by Egyptian government. Several British agitators were placed under close guard and expelled from "Egyptian" soil. This example of positive aggression so angered the French and British governments that they ordered immediate mobilization of troops into the Mediterranean area.

British troop carriers, combined with other machines of war, set out to their temporary base on the island of Malta. The French government, being in the middle of another traditional squabble, was unable to take action until the unification of parliament took place. Thus, even though it took a considerable amount of time, finally happened.

Politicians the world over set up and took a renewed interest in the proceedings. This could possibly be enough to enter the world into another war. Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, following his "get out by showing your power" method, warned England against any last retaliatory measures. However, he implied, it probably wouldn't hurt to let Nassar know that he would regret his actions if he didn't conform.

A meeting, planned by the Western powers to discuss the situation, fell through. An agreement was reached that the powers should ask up a committee to look into the future management of the world's waterways. Result—nothing!

Art Exhibit In FAC Shows French Works

An exhibit of art work by Paris school children will be on display at Wartburg's new Fine Arts Center before and after the Wartburg Community Symphony of this Sunday afternoon.

Sent to the United States by the French consular service, the exhibit will be shown on the second floor of the Center. It will be open to the public from 2-3 and 4-5 Sunday afternoon, according to Miss Helen Wright, head of the Art Department.

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What Happened? Look!

By Harold Kurtz
Managing Editor

If anybody's wondering what happened on campus this summer, just look around. Remodeling, painting, landscaping — all this and more was done on the Wartburg campus under the direction of Herb Engelbrecht.

Internal operations in Old Main resulted in the relocation of the Business and Greek Departments in the space formerly occupied by the Fine Arts Division. Offices for 10 faculty members are also located in the 79-year-old structure.

Two houses disappeared from campus as the residence of Dr. John Hillner was moved from east of the Fine Arts Center to West Bremer Avenue, while the Engelbrecht home was moved from the adjoining location to Fourth Avenue Northwest.

Film Service to OM

The Wartburg Film Service, formerly in the Publications House, was moved to the basement of Old Main, while the Truitt-Meyer and Caste Takes expanded into the former Film Service office.

North Hall received exterior redecoration while the second and third floors of Grossmann Hall were also painted. Administrative offices in Luther Hall likewise received a general face lifting.

Library facilities were expanded as additional space was provided in the former Room 111 and the entrance extended on the east side.

Campus roads and the Grossmann Hall parking lot were surfaced while additional parking facilities were secured west of Knights Gymnasium.

New Office In Gym

New office space for the director of athletics was provided in the former band office in Knights Gym. Varsity locker rooms were also refurbished.

An additional biology laboratory is located in the former business lab on Luther Hall's third floor.

Work on the new campus stadium was delayed by a work stoppage at the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, contractor for the structure. However, construction on the steel and wooden stands is scheduled to resume soon, according to Engelbrecht.

A new scoreboard has been purchased and will be in use for the first time this fall. The chaplain's office, formerly located in the Little Theater, is now housed on third floor of Old Main.

OLD MAIN is silent as music and art moves behind the modern facade of the new Fine Arts Center, latest addition to the expanding Wartburg Campus.



Engelbrecht New Brotherhood Head

Herb Engelbrecht, college business manager and assistant to the president, was elected president of the Iowa District Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church at the state convention this summer.

Engelbrecht has been instrumental in organizing several district resolutions, including the annual brotherhood institute held on the Wartburg campus each year.

The Iowa District Brotherhood has a membership of about five thousand and recently completed as its project, the purchase of an electronic organ for Knights Gymnasium.

Town To Discuss TV For Convo

George R. Town, Iowa State College, Ames, will address the college faculty and student body at convocation in Knights Gym at 10 a. m., Tuesday.

Town, who is associate director of the Iowa State College Engineering Experiment Station, will speak on "Current Problems in TV Broadcasting." A native of Vermont, Town graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1936 and received his doctorate from the same school in 1939.

Having served three years on the faculty there, he came to Iowa State in 1949 as associate director and professor of electrical engineering.

Love, Marriage Abound As Diamonds, Bells Evident

Although an actual count has not been made, the 1956 fall term finds more married and engaged students returning to school than ever.

Seniors Jean Olman, Book Falls, Ill., and Art Marabehn, Windsor, Colo., were married during summer vacation.

Dorcas Geiske, a junior last year, was married to Wartburg Seminary student Fred Huseks. They are making their home in Kirgus, Canada.

Lois Skogge of Garner, 1955 special student, became the bride of Tom Jensen of Independence at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, Aug. 26.

Other returning married students include Carla Karsten and John Beem, married Aug. 4 in Waterloo. (Senior Maynard Middleton married Madelyn Puccell of Fertile during the summer. Sophomore Lorna Stahl became the bride of Roland Wedemeyer of Denver.

Probably the most unusual wedding place of two Wartburg students was a hospital room—Carol Viestene and John Bertrand, both 1956 graduates, were married this summer in a hospital after Carol was injured in a car accident enroute to the church.

Making their homes in Dubuque this fall will be Mr. and Mrs. Otis (Tara) Harold Harrow, Mr. and Mrs. (Wag Hob) Charles Boer, Mr. and Mrs. (Judy Gore) Don Manthey, Mr. and Mrs. (Sally Johnson) Bob Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. (Carol Meier) Harris Sonnenberg and former students Mr. and Mrs. (Ruth Adair) Don Smith.

Engagements were also in

the limelight of news when school reopened. Mary Ann Rutenow, 1955-56 student, became engaged to David Mueller of Plainfield.

Ruth Wedley, junior, became engaged to Eugene Drape of Waverly. Audrey Benson is engaged to Myron Denta, senior. Duane Rasmussen, senior, and Rose Schuler, junior, were engaged during the summer.

Senior Jeanette Schulerer is engaged to Walter Pilgrum, 1956 graduate. Senior Jean Olman has announced her engagement to Al DeWitt, a 1956 graduate.

Jeanette Bockert of St. Paul, Minn., and Al Bahmann of Plainfield became engaged during the vacation months. Sophomore Muriel Buhr is engaged to David Requet of Maynard.

Delores Lemke of Holstein is promised to Victor Grothaus of Kingsley.

Freshman Luther Mohr announced his engagement to Darlene William of Sumner. Donna Wishek, junior, became engaged to Sally Hochhalter from Wabash, North Dakota, during the summer.

In another field of vital statistics, five births were announced. Mr. and Mrs. Nona Pineda, a girl, Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, a girl, Deborah LeAnn; Mr. and Mrs. Don Metzger, a girl, Eva Gay; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson, a girl, Rebecca Sue; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickson, a girl, Emily Ann.

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Welcome Travelers

Faculty Studies, Travels During Summer Months

By Jim Roeber

Collecting a careful of rocks, visiting the scene of General Custer's last stand or living next door to a Moroccan princess, you name it, and a faculty member undoubtedly did it this summer.

Dr. J. J. Neumann accompanied 50 others on a bus trip through the New England states. This came as the gift of a former student of his 50 years ago, Dr. Reuben Waltschmidt. The homes of Lowell, Londellow and Emerson, with stop-offs to see Plymouth Rock, Old Ironsides and the Wayside Inn where Hawthorne spent some time, were among the many points of interest.

"Although I was mostly interested in the literary sites," said Dr. Neumann, "I would say that the Berkshire were the most attractive part of New England."

The Western regions were visited by Dr. C. H. Becker and his family, who spent some time at their cabin in the Rocky Mountains.

Combining business with pleasure, Miss Margaret Wolff was a faculty member at the two-week session of the Christian Writers and Editors Conference at Green Lake, Wis., during July.

A one-week trip through Minnesota, the Dakotas and the Yellowstone area found Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith visiting, among other places of interest, the Custer Battlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Norheim and Miss Ferna Lohn toured for two weeks through Canada, Idaho and Montana. A quick jog of their horses to Spokane, Wash., completed Mr. Norheim's roster of states. He has now set foot in all of the 48.

Lohn Likes Iowa

Although stating complete satisfaction with the trip, Miss Lohn added, "It was good to get back to the fish and productive state of Iowa. It is easy to see why it is one of the 'breadbaskets' of the United States."

Nollman, who has become an ardent collector of rocks for his rock garden, hit the jackpot on this trip.

Miss Erna Mecht spent some time in Minnesota. Dr. Leo Petri and family were in Kansas and the Rev. Walter Tullmann was in Texas for a period of time.

Many of the instructors turned the tables and became students. Charles Dickson attended the tables and became students. Charles Dickson attended the summer session at Northwestern University in Chicago. Miss Jean Abramson went to Eastman School of Music and the Rev. Edwin Schick studied at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Five At SU

Those attending the University of Iowa were Norman Johansen, Robert Campbell, Axel Rundgaard, C. Robert Larson, Warren Schmidt and Melvin Krazee.

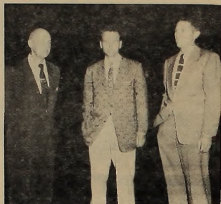
The Rev. Waldemar Gies attended Denver University, Miss Adeline Langrock, Colorado State Teachers College and H. M. Snyder, the Illinois Institute of Technology, while William Zell spent some time at the National Scientific Foundation Seminar at the University of Wyoming.

The Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York was the scene of a Nuclear Science Seminar attended by Dean of Faculty John Christfield. The two-week session was under the sponsorship of the Office of Naval Research.

Fred Hubbard was a member of the group attending the Lake Itasca Forestry and Biological Field Station, sponsored by the University of Minnesota. After leaving there, he and his wife pulled up stakes and camped out in a number of western states.

More Travelers Soon

While Wartburgers were leaving Waverly, various residents of other countries were making plans to reverse the procedure.



THREE OUT OF the four new faculty members pose after being introduced at Thursday's convocation. From left to right, Dr. Lloyd Carr, assistant professor of biology and chemistry; James Ericson, assistant professor of English; and Mel Kramer, new head of the Business Administration Department.

Wartburg HC Queen Pictured in One Mag

Mary Ann Hob, 1956 Wartburg grad, is pictured in the September issue of One Magazine in a special feature on Lutheran college queens. Mary Ann, now Mrs. Charles Boer, is teaching in Dubuque. She was Homecoming queen at Wartburg last fall.

The photo-album section in One includes campus beauties from the 31 four-year Lutheran colleges in the United States and Canada.

One is the youth magazine published for young people of four Lutheran bodies—American, Evangelical, Free and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches. The queen's photo section is an annual fall feature in One.

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Over 50 Football Hopefuls Report For Opening Drills

By Bill Melvin
Sports Editor

Wartburg's 1956 football hopefuls, more than fifty strong, have completed their first week of practices under the watchful eye of head coach Norm Johansen.

The twelve lettermen listed on the squad bolster the Knight hopes of moving up in the Iowa Conference standings. Last year's team fell to a last-place tie with a 2-6 season's record.

Art Margheim, all-conference last year, returns for the third season at the important quarterback position in Johansen's intricate split-T system.

Kelster Bolsters Line

Bob Kelster, center on the 1952 conference championship team, has returned and should be a valuable addition to the Kelsh forward wall.

"We do have a big line problem," said Johansen, "and we are suffering from a lack of depth."

Veteran linemen like Al Lamberg and Roger Klingman will



Margheim Bese

probably shoulder a heavy load in the line until further help develops.

Backfield Boasts 3

Sophomore halfback Darwin Fritz and veteran halfbacks Ralph Walker and Nelson Bese are on hand to boost the future of the Knight back field.

"It's still too early to evaluate the potential of the freshman candidates," Johansen said, "but I am pleased that we have more freshmen out this year than in previous seasons."

Johansen pointed to the Upper Iowa team with which Wartburg opens the season on Sept. 22 as one of the most improved teams in the league.

But the whole conference looks tough this year," he added.

Opiemmen Active In Summer Circuit

Several lettermen from Wartburg's team saw action with home town or other teams during the past summer.

Among the Opiemmen playing summer ball were Bill Bonhoff, who played for Madison, S. D., Fred Jaspers for Renner, S. D., and Don Straube for his home town, Johnson Creek, Wis.

Playing for his home town, Seymour, Wis., was Bob Weisbold, while Wayne Slack worked as jack-of-all-trades for New Hampton, where he played first base, short stop and pitcher.

Other returning Knights who saw action during the summer were Dennis Wesch playing for Independence, and Darwin Fritz playing for Sanitar. Charles Maiba saw some action with his home town, Tilleda, Wis., while Leon Wehrand played with Huron during the summer.

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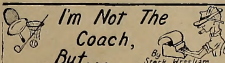
KNIGHTS AT HOME

Sept. 22—Upper Iowa
Oct. 13—Iowa Wesleyan
Oct. 27—Central
Nov. 10—Luther

48 On Grid Crew



HIT 'EM AGAIN and harder, line coach Fruehling tells prospective linemen.



"Wow, I guess I'm not in as good shape from the summer as I thought I was."

More than one Wartburg footballer puffed out those words this week as Coach Norm Johansen relentlessly pushed his charges through calisthenics and wind sprints.

It even made me tired just to watch the husky Knights race up and down the practice field and for the first time I stopped thinking about Brooklyn's and Milwaukee and woke up to the fact that the 1956 football season is really here.

Something new has been added to the Iowa Conference scheduling procedure this year. For the first time each conference team meets all the other schools in the conference. This eliminates the possibility of one team slipping into the conference championship without meeting some other strong conference.

Last year Parsons won the crown, but I never tangled with Luther, another football team. Parsons was a good football team, but many people, including this writer, thought Luther was an even better one.

I'm not trying to be a Sunday morning quarterback by bringing up this situation, but I just mean to use it as an example of the kind of thing the new system will eliminate.

It looks to me as if the Iowa Conference took a real step forward by adopting the new system.

Turning to the 1956 season and prospects in the championship race, it looks like a rough road for the Knights. Parsons is strengthened by the return of most of last year's key players and should again be a leading contender.

Graceland, with a raft of transfer students and a new split-T formation, looks much more formidable than its last year's record division club.

The past season's records of Luther speak loud enough for our old nemesis. They're always tough. Coach Johansen and his staff would probably add an Amen to that.

The rest of the conference won't be weak either, and the Knights will have to battle if they want to crack the upper division in the standings. Barring another disastrous wave of injuries, however, Johansen should pull his boys up from the last place tie they fell to last season. It seems to me that the law of averages should come through on the injuries this year. The Knights easily had enough tough breaks in that category last year to cover two seasons.

Working up my brow under the strain of deep contemplation and using things up, old Stark Wegman says, we can't win 'em all, but we'll surprise a few along the way. At any rate, good luck, Knights!

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Bundgaard Back

By Harold Kurtz
Managing Editor

From student to athletic director in one year? Horatio Alger? Frank not — just the story of Wartburg's new athletic director and returning basketball coach Axel "Ax" Bundgaard.

Returning to Wartburg this fall after a year's leave of absence, Bundgaard takes over as head of the Physical Education Department and director of athletics. During the past year he has been working toward a doctorate at the State University of Iowa.

"I should get my degree next July," I get my dissertation completed," he commented.

Subject of the yet-to-be-completed document is "Physical Education Instruction in Selected Iowa High Schools." Before completing it, Ax will have studied and visited 80 different high schools throughout Iowa. So far, three chapters are completed.

Acts As Mentor, Scout

While at SUL he coached the freshman age squad and scouted for the varsity team, in addition to his studies.

As far as studies are concerned, Bundgaard answered, "Well, I'm glad I did it, but I'm happy I don't have to do it over again."

Regarding the future, he is optimistic. "We (the Physical Education Department) expect to expand right along with the rest of the college. We're a bit cramped, but now that the band is over in the Fine Arts Center, it helps a lot."

With Bob Campbell on the coaching staff, Bundgaard is no longer coaching track or assisting with football, but will coach only basketball.

Cage Prospects 'Good'

"Basketball prospects look



Bundgaard Hertel

good, Opperma did a good job last year. Of course, the loss of Havemann (who transferred) and Fred Jaspers (the eligible first-semester) will hurt us," Ax remarked.

Bundgaard also expressed appreciation to Dr. Elmer Hertel, head of the Biology Department for the fine job he had done.

"Hertel is sort of the father of athletics here at Wartburg, and he's done an excellent job. Right now he's serving as executive secretary of the Iowa Conference."

New signs on the south side of Knights Gymnasium point the way to the new office of the athletic director located in the remodeled band room.

Horatio Alger? Maybe not, but Ax's tie has been coupled with the rise of Wartburg's athletic fortunes, especially on the basketball court.

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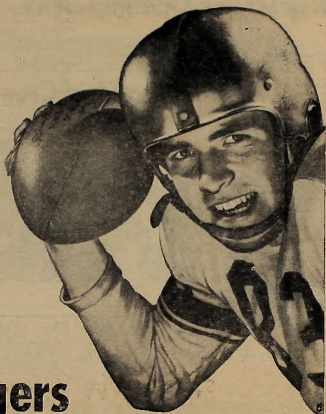
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